

Shelton State Community College
THE KAREN PHIFER BROOKS AND SUSAN PHIFER CORK LIBRARY
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Shelton State Community College provides library services on the Dr. Harold C. and Evelyn Martin Campus and at the C.A. Fredd Campus to serve all students, regardless of the program in which they are enrolled. The library is named for two members of the J. Reese Phifer family, which has been supportive of the college in a number of ways for many years.

The main library houses approximately 40,000 books and carries over 350 current periodical subscriptions. Its holdings provide support for both academic and technical areas. The Fredd Campus Branch Library houses approximately 1,000 books to support the programs housed on that campus. In addition, the Fredd Campus Library provides a small, basic reference collection and over 50 periodical subscriptions. A small special collection, the Lon Alexander, Sr., Employee Publications Collection, is housed in the main campus library.

Shelton State's library began its online system in the fall of 1994, using a Dynix library system. The system currently includes circulation, cataloging, reserves, WebPac, and media modules. Shelby, the electronic library assistant, is a catalog to all library holdings for both campuses. Library users may access Shelby in the libraries on each campus or through a home computer through dial access procedures. These procedures are available on each campus.

Current information is available on both campuses in print and electronic format. Current subscriptions as well as computer databases provide this information for students in a number of general and specific subject areas. Information and articles can be printed directly from the computers on which the databases are mounted. Periodical backfiles are available in print, bound, and microfilm formats.

Audiovisuals for individual and class use are provided on each campus as well. Viewing is possible for individual users as well as for small groups in each facility. Audiovisual holdings are listed in Shelby.

Library hours vary according to campus and are indicated below. When classes are not in session, library hours on both campuses are 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The libraries are not open when the college is closed (as for holidays). Special hours or changes in the regular schedule are posted as necessary.

Martin Campus Library (Main Campus)	
Monday--Thursday	7:30 a.m.--10:00 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m.-- 5:00 p.m.

Fredd Campus Branch Library	
Monday--Friday	8:00 a.m.--5:00 p.m.

Changes in regular hours are posted as necessary.

Special Features of the new campus library include several group study rooms, which students may use when studying together or working on group assignments. The library is designed on the "Information Commons" principle, in which all electronic or mediated information sources (e.g., computer databases, videos, slides, etc.), are centralized--literally and figuratively--in the library. Custom-designed tables facilitate the use of the resources and provide space for students and librarians to work collaboratively when seeking information. Other special features of the new library are the divided circulation services. The Circulation Desk, located at the entrance of the library, is the primary site for information and circulation of books and materials that leave the library. The Audiovisuals/Reserves Desk, located deep within the library, is the site for in-house circulation of materials. The Kiwanis Room is provided as a faculty/staff research and reading room. Finally, a "silent study" area is located at the rear of the library to provide a place for quiet study and concentration that is separate from the busier areas of the Information Commons, the circulation desks, and the current periodicals.

The University of Alabama Libraries and Stillman College Library are available to all students and employees upon presentation of a current student identification card. Shelton State students may use the libraries of Bryce Hospital and the VA Medical Center while on the premises (but may not be allowed to check materials out unless certain requirements are met). Shelton State students are subject to all rules and fines of other libraries.

The Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) is a state-funded collection of databases that can be accessed from any networked campus computer or from home computers. Registration for home access is free and can be done in either campus library.

Library instruction is provided through one-on-one work with library users as well as through formal, credit-bearing classes. LBS 101 (Library Skills) and LBS 102 (Research Skills) are elective, one-hour courses, taught by librarians, to help students learn how to use libraries and information sources and how to conduct research. Librarians are also available to speak to any class on any campus about the college library in general or about specific research assignments.

Library Staff and Phone Numbers

Director of Library Services	Debbie Grimes	Ext. 2233
Librarian	Sully Cochrane	Ext. 2248
Librarian (Evenings)	Don Bell	Ext. 2245
Library Public Services Officer	Glen Johnson	Ext. 2327
Library Systems Officer	Chuck Boening.	Ext. 3908
Library Acquisitions Secretary	Rita Tragemann	Ext. 3911
Library Audiovisual Specialist	Jean Epps	Ext. 2970
Library AV/User Services Secretary	Jean Mack (Fredd Campus)	Ext. 2622
Library Reserves/Acquisitions Sec.	Betty O'Dell	Ext. 2495
Library Clerk	Tamara Gainous	Ext. 2414
Library Clerk (½ time)	Jed Jolly	Ext. 2489
Reference Librarian (Part-Time)	Kay Rable, MLS	Ext. 2228
Reference Librarian (Part-Time)	Ellen Faurot, MLS	Ext. 2364
Circulation Desk		Ext. 3925
AV Desk		Ext. 3928
Reserves Desk		Ext. 3927
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